

protests, other schools closed for safety reasons. Peak attendance of almost 12,000 pupils in 1953 was a thing of the past. By the 1970s, attendance dropped to about 7,000. Phoenix Elementary used this period as a time of innovation to improve programs for pupils. A student pilot breakfast program, Extended Day Kindergarten and a Parent Involvement Aide Program were implemented. Some were cited as national models.

By 2002, 15 schools were operating in the district. Under the current leadership of Superintendent Dr. Georgina Takemoto, all the district's schools are rated Performing or above by Arizona Standards. Four schools—Kenilworth, Magnet Traditional, Herrera and Lowell—have been dubbed A+ Schools of Excellence, an award given by non-profit Arizona Educational Foundation. Signature schools that specialize in dual language, performing arts, environmental science, electronic journalism, biotech and visual arts enhance the curriculums. Other newer programs include Academic Enrichment from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for students of working parents; health, dental and asthma clinics; registered nursing staffs; parent classes; and social and community workers.

As the district grew, then declined in enrollment, and now expects to see some growth on the horizon, it has experienced many changes and adapted to meet the needs of its students. I applaud the Phoenix Elementary School District #1 for its leadership and innovation in serving our children. For these reasons, I ask my colleagues to join me on congratulating the district on the occasion of its 135th Anniversary.

#### SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2006 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

#### MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 12

10 a.m.

##### Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Anne E. Derse, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Azerbaijan, and William B. Taylor, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to Ukraine.

SD-419

MAY 15

2:30 p.m.

##### Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the implementation of the Energy Policy Act of 2005's electricity reliability provisions.

SD-366

MAY 16

9:30 a.m.

##### Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the continuing need for Section 5 pre-clearance requirements of the Voting Rights Act.

SD-226

10 a.m.

##### Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of James Lambright, of Missouri, to be President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, Armando J. Bucelo, Jr., and Todd S. Farha, both of Florida, each to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, Jon T. Rymer, of Tennessee, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, John W. Cox, of Texas, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, and William Hardiman, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences.

SD-538

##### Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings to examine Transportation Worker Identification Credential.

SD-562

##### Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the status of Yucca Mountain Repository Project within the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management at the Department of Energy.

SD-366

##### Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

##### Retirement Security and Aging Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine naturally occurring retirement communities.

SD-430

2 p.m.

##### Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

##### Securities and Investment Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine the role of hedge funds in U.S. capital markets.

SD-538

2:30 p.m.

##### Energy and Natural Resources

##### National Parks Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine S. 1686, to amend the Constitution Heritage Act of 1988 to provide for the operation of the National Constitution Center, S. 2417 and H.R. 4192, bills to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to designate the President William Jefferson Clinton Birthplace home in Hope, Arkansas, as a National Historic Site and unit of the National Park System, S. 2419 and H.R. 4882, bills to ensure the proper remembrance of Vietnam veterans and the Vietnam War by providing a deadline for the designation of a visitor center for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, S. 2568, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, S. 2627, to amend the Act of August 21, 1935, to extend the authorization for the National Park System Advisory Board, and S. Res. 468, supporting the continued administration of Channel Islands National Park, including Santa Rosa

Island, in accordance with the laws (including regulations) and policies of the National Park Service.

SD-366

3 p.m.

##### Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine the continuing need for Section 203 provisions of the Voting Rights Act, for limited English proficient voters.

SD-226

MAY 17

9:30 a.m.

##### Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dale Klein, of Texas, to be Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and Molly A. O'Neill, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

SD-628

##### Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian youth suicide.

SR-485

##### Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine understanding the benefits and cost of Section 5 pre-clearance requirements of the Voting Rights Act.

SD-226

10 a.m.

##### Finance

To hold hearings to examine physician-owned specialty hospitals.

SD-215

##### Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

To hold hearings to examine the proposed Ryan White Modernization Act of 2006, proposed Mine Safety and Health Act of 2006, proposed Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006, S. 860, to amend the National Assessment of Educational Progress Authorization Act to require State academic assessments of student achievement in United States history and civics, and the nominations of Jerry Gayle Bridges, of Virginia, to be Chief Financial Officer, and Vince J. Juaristi, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors, both of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Harry R. Hoglander, of Massachusetts, and Peter W. Tredick, of California, each to be a Member of the National Mediation Board, J. C. A. Stagg, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation, Kent D. Talbert, of Virginia, to be General Counsel, Department of Education, and Horace A. Thompson, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

SD-430

##### Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of Robert J. Portman, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

SD-342

##### Commerce, Science, and Transportation

##### Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee

To hold hearings to examine accelerating the adoption of health information technology.

Room to be announced

10:30 a.m.

##### Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry

To hold hearings to examine the United States Department of Agriculture

Rural Utilities Service Broadband Program. SR-328A	10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings to examine S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and for other purposes. SH-216	10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation To resume hearings to examine S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and for other purposes. SD-106
2 p.m. Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe To hold hearings to examine the role of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights relating to advancing the human dimension in the OSCE, focusing on the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights and its role in monitoring elections in OSCE countries. SD-226	2:30 p.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Business meeting to markup the proposed innovation bill. SD-562	Veterans' Affairs To hold hearings to examine pending benefits related legislation. SR-418
2:30 p.m. Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia Subcommittee To resume hearings to examine the Federal government's security clearance process, focusing on the progress of the Office of Personnel Management in implementing a plan to address the long-standing backlog of security clearance investigations, including the next steps by the Office of Management and Budget, and the recent halt by the Defense Security Service in processing government contractor security clearances. SD-342	MAY 23 10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings to examine price gouging related to gas prices. SD-562	2:30 p.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation To hold hearings to examine Pacific Salmon Treaty. SD-562
MAY 18	MAY 24 10:30 a.m. Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee To resume hearings to examine the progress of construction on the Capitol Visitor Center. SD-138	JUNE 8 10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Business meeting to markup S. 2686, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 and for other purposes. SH-216
9:30 a.m. Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs To hold hearings to examine the report to Congress on International Economic and Exchange Rate Policies. SD-538	MAY 25 9:30 a.m. Indian Affairs To hold an oversight hearing to examine Indian education. SR-485	JUNE 14 10 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Technology, Innovation, and Competitiveness Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine alternative energy technologies. Room to be announced
		JUNE 15 10:30 a.m. Commerce, Science, and Transportation Fisheries and Coast Guard Subcommittee To hold hearings to examine the Coast Guard budget. SD-562